

**Eugene "Buddy" Moretz, Jr.**  
**North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police**  
**2nd Vice President**

In life there are things we have to do, and then there are things that we should do. For Eugene Moretz, he understood the difference between the two.

For over 35 years, it was his job as a law enforcement officer to protect and serve the citizens of his community. However, he felt it was his duty to protect and serve his fellow brother and sisters in law enforcement. That's why Moretz has been an active member of the Fraternal Order of Police for over 33 years.



It all started for Moretz in 1963 when he began his career in law enforcement as a Reserve Officer with the Madison Police Department. He would stay there for three years, until a full-time Patrol Officer position opened up in the Spray Police Department. In 1967, the Spray Police Department, along with the Leaksville and Draper police departments consolidated into the Eden Police Department (EPD). Moretz would continue working in patrol until taking a similar position with the Stoneville Police Department in 1970.

Moretz would stay with the Stoneville Police Department for three years, before coming back to the EPD. In his second stint there, he would transfer from Patrol to the Detective Division working in the areas of criminal investigations and vice. Moretz would finish out his remaining years in this role before retiring in 1999.

Moretz's retirement didn't last long, as he took a job with the Rockingham County Sheriff's Dept as a Superior Court Bailiff.

Moretz joined the Fraternal Order of Police in 1974 as a charter member of North Carolina's Eden Lodge #5. For over thirty years, he has held all positions in his local lodge with the exception of chaplain.

He served as the inaugural NC State FOP Foundation President when the organization formed in 1999 up until recently. He is currently the Vice President of the NC FOP Foundation. He is currently serving in his third term as NC State Lodge 2nd Vice President.

In 2001, Moretz was announced the recipient of the Thomas E. Kelly award. This prestigious award is presented yearly by the North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police to a member who displays dedication and tenacity in the furtherance of the ideals and values of the Fraternal Order of Police.

Buddy currently lives in Eden, NC, where in his spare time he can be found outdoors fishing, hunting, farming or landscaping